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and fraud charges, life's hectic too for Maxwell's buy.. champagne parties.. stylish dinners..

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everything I have thrown on the floor."

Ghislaine is believed to have called on her New York friends to pledge some of the £750,000 needed as security for Kevin and Ian, who were bailed on Thursday after a court appearance.

On September 1 they must answer charges relating to fraud offences totalling £145 million.

Poverty

Yesterday Ken Trench, chairman of the Pensioners Action Group, said: "It is upsetting that Ghislaine can continue this lifestyle when so many pensioners have been plunged into a pit of poverty.

"It is time that people chasing our funds should investigate the trust from which she appears to be drawing her money."

Yesterday a former friend of Ghislaine's said: "She is part of the fast and rich set with their international homes and yachts. She was very spoilt when I knew her.

"She thought money is what counts in life and nothing else."

On the town – Ghislaine parties with Drake Darrin

Dedicated follower of fashion – Ghislaine at a New York modelling party

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

PORK CHOP FOR PIRKEY

TEACHER Dick Pirkey has been sacked after a 16-year-old boy in his class used his teeth to castrate a pig.

Mr Pirkey, 41, of Harmony, Texas, told a tribunal he had explained the technique to the boy, but warned him against trying it.

BLIND DRUNK

A BLIND man who got drunk opened his third-floor bedroom window – and fell out. He hung on to the window ledge before a neighbour in Salisbury, Wiltshire, pulled him to safety.

REV. ROCKER

PUNK rocker Brian Ralph, 25, has trimmed his blue and green Mohican haircut to become curate of St Michael's Church, Yeovil, Somerset.

TOO SEXY

A PLAGUE of superflies infesting Droxford, Hants, are to be lured to their doom by scientists spraying a sexual stimulant.

BEAK THAT

A ONE-legged duck called Captain Hook has had an artifical limb fitted at High Wycombe, Bucks, by engineer Ken Clark who said: "He's taken to it like a duck to water."

SKID PAN

A MOTORIST crashed his car after seeing a 300ft frying pan painted on a hill overnight at Blewbury, Oxon, by art students.

WHEEL CHEEK

RAMRAIDERS who stole £15,000 worth of clothes from a menswear shop in Marlow, Bucks, were being hunted by police last night after smashing their way in – using a wheelbarrow.

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U2 beat nuclear demo ban

ROCK group U2 scuppered a court injunction yesterday to stage a protest at a nuclear plant.

Irish star Bono and his band beat a High Court demo ban on Sellafield land by claiming a "public" area below the high-water mark.

The band and 60 Greenpeace supporters landed in dinghies to stake a quarter-of-a-mile "nuclear exclusion zone".

And Bono urged fans to flood the Prime Minister with protests against radioactive discharges.

Dads attack crash joyrider

Sunday Mirror Reporter

ANGRY fathers beat up a joyrider after he knocked down a girl who later had a leg amputated.

Eight-year-old Victoria Bailey was crossing a road near her home in Ely, Cardiff, when she was hit by a stolen motor-bike.

The 19-year-old rider was under police protection in hospital last night after suffering head wounds.

Witness Elizabeth Sullivan said: "Some of the men gave him a good beating. We have terrible trouble with joyriders here."

Witnesses said the 250cc Yamaha "screamed down" Deere Road at more than 60mph before hitting Victoria.

Doctors at Cardiff Royal Infirmary yesterday had to amputate her left leg above the knee.

She was transferred to the specialist St Lawrence Hospital, Chepstow, Gwent, for treatment to face wounds.

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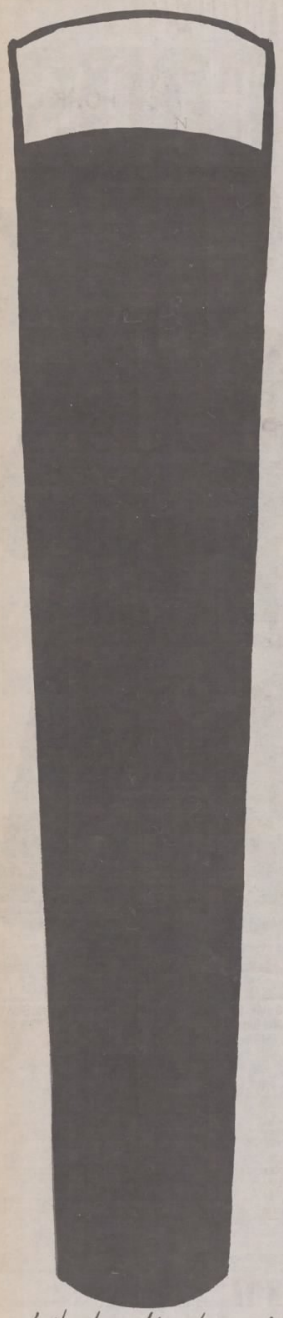

An ocean away from swindled pensioners favourite daughter. There are antiques to

The good life

WORLD EXCLUSIVE

GOLD glitters at her throat, on her wrists, from her ears and on her fingers as Ghislaine Maxwell makes her entrance at a high-society party.

She wears a top designer jacket. Long, tanned, shapely legs are wrapped in a tight mini-skirt. A handsome dinner-jacketed escort is at her side.

Yes, it's still the champagne high-life for the favourite daughter of crooked tycoon Robert Maxwell. Nothing much seems to have changed for this spoiled little rich girl since her father plunged to his death last November from the yacht, Lady Ghislaine, he named after her.

Thousands of pensioners robbed by Robert Maxwell face destitution. Her brothers, Kevin, 33, and Ian, 36, were arrested last week on serious fraud charges.

But Ghislaine, 30, is thousands of miles away from the stink of the Maxwell scandal.

She lives in a £200-a-week apartment in New York's Upper East Side.

She manages to rub along on £80,000 a year which comes from a trust fund set up by her father and held in the tax haven of Gibraltar. She has a £350,000 home in London and a flat in Paris.

As the dark-haired beauty partied at New York's £300-a-night St Regis Hotel on Wednesday, she was unaware that across the Atlantic police were mounting dawn raids on her brothers' homes.

Two hundred and fifty guests were plied with champagne and danced to live bands. Ghislaine was escorted by wealthy real estate businessman Drake Darrin. Party-goer Marina Garnier said: "Ghislaine spent the evening chatting to friends while her escort kept her stocked up with champagne and pieces of cake.

"She tried to keep a low profile, but she seemed happy. That was before she realised her brothers had been arrested."

Friends she talked to included Superman actress Valerie Perrine, former Vogue editor Mary McFadden and Hollywood producer turned author Dominick Dunne. Ghislaine left the party in the early hours with Darrin.

In the money – Ghislaine gets £80,000 a year from a trust

Flirt

It wasn't until she returned to her new apartment that she heard of the new family crisis.

One of her closest friends, Prince Dimitri of Yugoslavia, told the Sunday Mirror: "She was very sad to hear about her brothers. She has been badly affected by what has happened.

Another close friend, who lives in New York, revealed: "Ghislaine has changed a lot since her father's death. Going to that party was a rare social outing for her."

During the day Ghislaine – nicknamed "The Shopper" – has been busy buying antique furniture to decorate her new apartment.

She spends her evenings at dinner parties often with Prince Dimitri and Ivana Trump.

One admirer said: "She is a terrible flirt. She is very confident and self-assured.

"She usually makes the first move with men. But there is no one special in her life right now."

Ghislaine has never had to struggle for a job. She was appointed "fashion director" on her father's pet newspaper project, The European, where she was said to be paid £100,000 a year for doing very little.

Maxwell made her director of Oxford United football club, but she gave that up. He set up a company, Maxwell's Corporate Gifts, for her to run in New York. But she lost interest and the company folded.

Maxwell then sent her to the New York Daily News, where she was in charge of "special projects", but she left as Maxwell's crooked dealings came to light.

Despite her stunning good looks, those who know Ghislaine say she has a chip off the old block.

Her manner to subordinates is just like that of her father – imperious and domineering.

After Maxwell's death she ordered the crew of the Lady Ghislaine to shred scores of documents. She pulled faxes and telephone messages from drawers and command: "I order you to shred immediately."

From RICHARD LAY in New York and JANE KERR in London

Cashpoint Kev goes to the country

KEVIN MAXWELL made a withdrawal from the NatWest to see himself through the weekend yesterday.

The man who was arrested last week on fraud charges relating to missing funds worth £145 million went to a cash machine in Kings Road, Chelsea.

Then Kevin, 33, drove to his Oxfordshire cottage with wife Pandora and their children for the weekend.

When they arrived, Pandora lost her cool with photographers, screaming "** off!" and trying to turn a hose on them. But the wind blew the water back in her face.**

Cash withdrawal – Kevin stocks up his wallet

Alert over Queen

A HELICOPTER carrying the Queen and Prince Philip was forced to make an emergency detour as an intruder roamed the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

Minutes before the flight bringing the Royals home from Ascot was due to land, Palace security alarms detected someone had breached the perimeter wall.

Armed Royalty protection squad officers, some with dogs, moved in as a message was flashed to the Royal helicopter: "Divert immediately to Kensington Palace."

By CHRIS HOUSE

Police then scoured the 50 acre grounds for THIRTY minutes before finding the intruder hiding in a water tower.

Help

Kevin McMahon, 25, told officers after the incident last week: "I just want to see the Queen. I want her to help me".

Police described McMahon as slightly unstable and said he had "some grievances" with which he thought the Queen could help. He was held overnight at a nearby police station before being released without charge.

A police spokesman said there would be a security review – routine after such incidents.

But McMahon, unemployed and of no fixed address, had posed no threat and it "would not serve any real point" to charge him with an offence.

A sophisticated security system was installed at the Palace after Michael Fagan got in to the Queen's bedroom in 1982.

New concern for swap girl Laura

BRAVE transplant tot Laura Davies was last night in a "critical but stable" condition on a ventilator at America's Pittsburgh Children's Hospital.

One of her lungs collapsed as she was recovering from her life-saving liver and bowel swap.

A hospital spokeswoman said: "We are hoping the ventilator will allow her to recover."

The hosital was said to be considering a non-surgical operation to investigate the problem.

Laura's parents, Les, 42, and Fran, 26, of Eccles, Greater Manchester, were at her bedside.

Lung collapse – Laura

The the new setback came two days after Laura, four, had emergency surgery for problems arising from her new liver.

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